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COMINT Requirements

1. There is attached a list of the ad hoc COMINT requirements which have been levied on NSA by your Division since mid-1956. In connection with our current study of COMINT requirements, careful review of this list by the appropriate Branches and by the Division Office is requested. Each requirement should be subjected to the following questions:

- (1) Does this requirement still represent a priority gap?
- (2) Does COMINT still represent the primary source on significant aspects of this subject?
- (3) Is NSA actively pursuing this requirement?
- (4) Is there continuing personal contact (analyst-to-analyst level) with NSA on this subject?
- (5) What are your recommendations concerning this requirement?
 - a. Cancellation
 - b. Revision
 - c. Substantiation

2. In view of the personnel cuts and budgetary restrictions which NSA has undergone, and in view of the emphasis which that Agency is now constrained to give to matters other than [redacted] coverage, this list should also be reviewed as a whole to determine whether it represents the best statement of COMINT requirements which your Division can justifiably levy at this time. If not, please indicate what other subjects are of sufficient priority interest and sufficiently dependent on COMINT as a source to warrant being added to or substituted for items on this list.

3. Your comments are requested by e.o.b. 4 September. Please send an additional copy to [redacted]

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